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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM AMBASSADOR
MANSFIELD TO CHAIRMAN SPARKMAN

BEGIN MESSAGE:
HONORABLE JOHN SPARKMAN, CHAIRMAN
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS
UNITED STATES SENATE

DEAR JOHN:

PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA WILL BE IN WASHINGTON ON MAY 2 AND
3, AND HOPES TO MEET WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ON THE
AFTERNOON OF THE SECOND. IN PARTICULAR, HE WOULD LIKE TO
HAVE A SESSION OF ABOUT ONE HOUR'S DURATION WITH YOU AND
THE MEMBERS OF YOUR COMMITTEE, ALONG WITH YOUR COLLEAGUES
FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. I MENTIONED THIS POSSIBILITY
TO BOB BYRD IN AN EARLIER COMMUNICATION.

I BELIEVE SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE MOST WORTHWHILE, FOR
BOTH THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, AND
I WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE IN SETTING
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IT UP. THE STATE DEPARTMENT WILL BE IN TOUCH CONCERNING
DETAILS, BUT I WANTED TO PERSONALLY APPRISE YOU OF THIS
AND ASK YOUR HELP. I WILL BE COMING HOME FOR THE PRIME
MINISTER'S VISIT AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU.
BEST REGARDS, MIKE MANSFIELD. END MESSAGE
MANSFIELD

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